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Knoxville Film & Music Festival Announces 2014 Schedule and Lineup

Knoxville's 'Official Film and Music Talent Showcase' Will Draw More Than 5,000 People

KNOXVILLE, TENN. — May 23, 2014 — The Knoxville Film & Music Festival announced its 2014 schedule and lineup today and, as promised, this year's event is bigger and better than ever before. With world premier movies, the popular "Band-Eat-Band" competition, the fifth annual Knoxville 24 Hour Film Festival, and special guests including the producers of the hit show *South Park*, the Knoxville Film & Music Festival is now a national and international event with a focus on local East Tennessee talent.

The 2014 Knoxville Film & Music Festival Schedule:

- Thursday June 5: Market Squaroo festival kickoff featuring six great bands
- Friday, June 6: Talent Trek presents the K24HFF Five Year Celebration at Scruffy City Hall (join us as we show our favorite 24 Hour films of the past five years *and* kick off the music with our headlining band, Unknown Hinson)
- Saturday, June 7: Band Eat Band Finals in Scruffy City Hall (see the best East Tennessee bands fighting it out for their chance to win \$3,000 worth of prizes - followed by a HUGE party at Scruffy City Hall)
- Sunday, June 8: Tennessee Film & Music Celebration, Scruffy City Hall (an all-day film and music event featuring a mixer for Tennessee musicians and filmmakers, live music, and our Tennessee film screenings with a \$500 prize for the Best Tennessee Film) featuring the Brad Walker Orchestra and a special command screening of *Voyage* by Knoxville filmmaker Alex Oliver.
- Monday, June 9: Workshop (An Introduction to Feature Filmmaking)
- Tuesday, June 10: Singer Songwriter Finals at Scruff City Hall on Market Square (this competition with a \$2,000 prize has been going on for over 10 years and has launched the careers of many great Knoxville musicians)
- June 11-13, Film Screenings at Scruffy City Hall - Fantastic films from around the world. Our screenings focus on music docs, shorts, music videos, documentaries, and animation. The "Best Film of the Fest" this year will take home \$1,000! Enjoy the films with a nice cold mug of our

exclusive festival beer, Beer Murray. We will feature film inspired beer and food pairings, great films, and presentations by filmmakers from around the country.

- Saturday, June 14: The 5th Annual Knoxville 24 Hour Film Festival (Red Carpet Gala at 6 p.m. followed by screenings at 7 p.m. and our famous Wrap Party at 10:30 p.m.)

This is the second year for the Knoxville Film & Music Festival and the fifth year for the Knoxville 24 Hour Film Festival, events that drew 5,400 people to downtown Knoxville last year. The festival is truly Knoxville's "indie" film and music event of the year.

"What we have created is the Knoxville equivalent of 'American Idol' for local filmmakers and musicians," said Festival Director Michael Samstag. "While we draw film submissions from all over the United States and from many other countries, we really love celebrating the work of East TN filmmakers and musicians."

As it has grown, the Knoxville Film & Music Festival has been able to attract well-known film industry executives to East Tennessee. This year's judges include:

- Frank Agnone, Executive Producer of "South Park"
- Lela Meadow-Conner, Executive Director, Tallgrass Film Festival
- David Dwyer, Actor "The Blind Side"
- Joel Trussell, Disney Animator

In addition to local films, many important national films will premier at the 2014 Knoxville Film & Music Festival. Those films include:

- "Papaya: Make Some Noise" (World Premiere)
- "Led Zeppelin Played Here"
- "Amanda F--ing Palmer on the Rocks" (TN Premiere)
- "Obey the Artist" (TN Premiere)
- "Satellite" (starring Luke Wilson, TN Premiere)
- "Anything Made of Paper" (TN Premiere)
- "Blackout on Swan Pond" (Movie about the Kingston Coal Ash Spill)

Tickets for the year's Knoxville Film & Music Festival go on sale June 1 and are available as Full Festival Passes (\$50), VIP Festival Passes (\$100) and Ultra-VIP Festival Passes (\$250, includes a limo ride to the Red Carpet Gala). Single-event tickets are also available.

All Knoxville Film & Music Festival details and tickets are available at www.KnoxvilleFilms.com.

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